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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
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Dear Supervisors:

**HEARING ON DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH'S  
PUBLISHED CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEARS 2005-2006 AND 2006-2007  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)  
(3 VOTES)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Approve the Department of Mental Health's (DMH) revised Published Charges (Attachment I) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2005-2006, effective June 1, 2006, to adjust rates based on DMH's mid-year evaluation of published rates.
2. Approve DMH's proposed Published Charges (Attachment II) for FY 2006-2007, effective July 1, 2006, in order to comply with Federal Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal (SD/MC) Lower of Cost or Charges (LCC) reimbursement and routine cost requirements.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

Board approval is required to revise the FY 2005-2006 Published Charges, which were previously adopted by your Board on June 28, 2005, for patient care services to allow DMH to use more recent cost report information and the most recent State Maximum Allowable (SMA) rates adjusted by the Life Support Index. Failure to increase rates at this time will result in reduced revenue since charges are currently less than actual cost.

Additionally, Board action is required to ensure that Published Charges for FY 2006-2007 are established to assure compliance with Medi-Cal requirements. The recovery of Federal revenues in compliance with State and Federal regulations necessitates that Published Charges be established at least annually. Federal

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requirements stipulate that Published Charges are to be determined at the Countywide level. The recommended Published Charges comply with SD/MC audit requirements.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The recommended Board actions are consistent with the principles of the Countywide Strategic Plan's Organizational Goal No. 4, "Fiscal Responsibility." These actions will ensure that Published Charges are in compliance with Medi-Cal requirements, thereby averting Federal LCC audit disallowances.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There is no fiscal impact.

Federal LCC audit disallowances will be avoided because of compliance with Medi-Cal regulations. DMH has not included any charges, which are set by either State or Federal agencies, for which it has no jurisdictional rate settings authority. DMH will bill those charges as directed by those authorities.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

At the time the Published Charges for FY 2005-2006 were calculated, DMH used various information, including the available cost report information and the SMA rates adjusted by the Life Support Index. Since that time, it became apparent to DMH that the cost per unit as compared to current billing rates indicated that the FY 2005-2006 rates should be revised based on most recent available information. Consequently, DMH revised the rates for FY 2005-2006, using more recent cost report information and updated SMA rate information.

Published Charges for FY 2006-2007 were developed using actual cost report data for FY 2004-2005. The cost report data was adjusted by the Federal Home Health Agency Market Basket Index.

In FY 2003-2004, your Board approved DMH's revised Published Charges on October 28, 2003, permitting DMH to reflect two (2) sets of rates, a rate for Medi-Cal and a rate for non-Medi-Cal responsible financial parties. The non-Medi-Cal rates include administrative overhead costs for all services that are billed to non-Medi-Cal responsible financial parties. For Medi-Cal plans, the methodology to calculate the Published Charges to bill Medi-Cal plans remains the same as originally approved by your Board on June 24, 2003. The rates for Medi-Cal plans do not include

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administrative overhead costs. Medi-Cal administrative costs are reimbursed through a separate and specific mandated State reimbursement methodology.

DMH's Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) compliant Integrated System has the capability to bill one (1) rate for SD/MC claims and another rate for all other funding plans, thereby ensuring that DMH is in compliance with Federal requirements.

Government Code Section 66018, added by stats. 1990, ch. 1572 (AB 3228), §20, requires the publication of notice and a public hearing to be held prior to the adoption of new fees or the increase of existing fees. Such a notice will be published at the minimum of ten (10) days prior to the public hearing.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

The subject does not apply since DMH's Published Charges apply only to DMH's directly operated clinics.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES**

The recommended revised Published Charges for FY 2005-2006 will become effective June 1, 2006, and the recommended Published Charges for FY 2006-2007 will become effective July 1, 2006. Failure to establish new annual Published Charges will result in reduced revenues from non-Medi-Cal, Medi-Cal, and Healthy Families plans and/or if the charges are less than actual costs.

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**CONCLUSION**

The Department of Mental Health will need one (1) copy of the adopted Board actions. It is requested that the Executive Officer of the Board notifies the Department of Mental Health's Contracts Development and Administration Division at (213) 738-4684 when this document is available.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments (2)

c: Chief Administrative Officer  
County Counsel  
Auditor-Controller  
Chairperson, Mental Health Commission

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH  
FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006 REVISED PUBLISHED CHARGES  
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2006**

<u>SERVICE DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>MODE</u>	<u>SERVICE FUNCTION CODE</u>	<u>SERVICE UNIT</u>	<u>NON-MEDI-CAL 05/06 RATES</u>	<u>MEDI-CAL 05/06 RATES</u>
Jail Inpatient	05	50 - 59	Client Day	\$313.60	N/A
Day Treatment Intensive:					
Half Day (3-4 Hours)	10	81 - 84	Half Day	\$177.30	\$156.46
Full Day (more than 4 hours)	10	85 - 89	Full Day	\$230.07	\$203.03
Day Rehabilitation:					
Half Day (3-4 Hours)	10	91 - 94	Half Day	\$95.55	\$84.32
Full Day (more than 4 hours)	10	95 - 99	Full Day	\$149.15	\$131.62
Targeted Case Management Services	15	01 - 09	Minute	\$2.20	\$1.94
Mental Health Services	15	10 - 59	Minute	\$2.82	\$2.49
Medication Support Services	15	60 - 69	Minute	\$5.47	\$4.83
Crisis Intervention	15	70 - 79	Minute	\$4.41	\$3.89
Mental Health Promotion	45	10 - 19	Staff Hour	\$228.98	N/A
Community Client Services	45	20 - 29	Staff Hour	\$211.35	N/A
Medi-Cal Admin. Activities (MAA)	55	01 - 39	Minute	N/A	\$1.93
Conservatorship, Investigation	60	20 - 29	Staff Hour	\$168.94	N/A
Administration	60	30 - 39	Staff Hour	\$168.94	N/A
Life Support/Board & Care	60	40 - 49	Day	\$40.43	N/A
Case Management Support	60	60 - 69	Staff Hour	\$114.36	N/A

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH  
FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007 PUBLISHED CHARGES  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006**

<u>SERVICE DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>MODE</u>	<u>SF CODE</u>	<u>SERVICE UNIT</u>	<u>NON-MEDI-CAL 06/07 RATES</u>	<u>MEDI-CAL 06/07 RATES</u>
Jail Inpatient	05	50 - 59	Client Day	\$323.94	N/A
Day Treatment Intensive:					
Half Day (3-4 Hours)	10	81 - 84	Half Day	\$183.14	\$161.62
Full Day (more than 4 hours)	10	85 - 89	Full Day	\$237.66	\$209.73
Day Rehabilitation:					
Half Day (3-4 Hours)	10	91 - 94	Half Day	\$98.70	\$87.10
Full Day (more than 4 hours)	10	95 - 99	Full Day	\$154.07	\$135.96
Targeted Case Management Services	15	01 - 09	Minute	\$2.27	\$2.00
Mental Health Services	15	10 - 59	Minute	\$2.91	\$2.57
Medication Support Services	15	60 - 69	Minute	\$5.65	\$4.99
Crisis Intervention	15	70 - 79	Minute	\$4.56	\$4.02
Mental Health Promotion	45	10 - 19	Staff Hour	\$236.54	N/A
Community Client Services	45	20 - 29	Staff Hour	\$218.32	N/A
Medi-Cal Admin. Activities (MAA)	55	01 - 39	Minute	N/A	\$1.99
Conservatorship, Investigation	60	20 - 29	Staff Hour	\$174.51	N/A
Administration	60	30 - 39	Staff Hour	\$174.51	N/A
Life Support/Board & Care	60	40 - 49	Day	\$41.77	N/A
Case Management Support	60	60 - 69	Staff Hour	\$118.13	N/A